

St Matthias Church
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday 18th August 2019

Welcome all visiting with us for the first time and invite you all to join us, after mass, for Coffee/tea at the back of Church

Sunday 18th	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Parish Mass 11am
Monday 19th	Feria of 20th Week in ordinary time	Mass 10am
Tuesday 20th	S Bernard AbDr	Mass 7pm
Wednesday 21st	S Pius X P	Mass 10am
Thursday 22nd	The Queen of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Friday 23rd	Feria of 20th Week in ordinary time	
Saturday 24th	S BARTHOLOMEW Ap	Mass 10am
Sunday 25th	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Parish Mass 11am

MRS MATTHEWS - RIP

As probably known, Mrs Matthews passed away the week before last after a brief illness in hospital. For the past year, Mrs Matthews had been suffering with her legs and often had falls in doors. She was recently admitted to Homerton hospital whereby, she was "ready to go to her maker" and requested that her hair be plaited, and she peacefully went with the angels.

Mrs Matthews, as we know had a very deep faith and was not afraid of leaving this world. She was a great example to us all with her commitment to our Lord and she shared with me how she often prayed, or simply have a conversation with our Lord!

A long-standing member of this church family who enjoyed coming when she could. Her last attendance here was of course her 100th birthday party when she was thrilled to be with us and her family who attended the occasion. It was a very happy time for her, and sadly, just a month off her 101st birthday! Without embarrassing anyone, I know that she was supported from members of this congregation who kept an eye on her; Conrad and Angie; Vince; all played a vital role in their compassion and commitment, and I know that Mrs Matthews was very grateful for their assistance and help.

Her funeral will take place here where we hope to give her a good send off, details will follow.

We hold her very much in our thoughts and prayers, but as much as it is very sad for us, we take comfort in rejoicing that she now takes her place with the whole company of heaven. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

PARISH DAY TRIP TO BRIGHTON

A huge thank you to Sheryl for arranging another successful day trip and all had a good time at Brighton. Even the weather behaved itself! Thank you to everyone who helped in raising funds by buying a ticket and simply by turning up and having a good time. This is the way fund raising events should be, everyone participating and supporting! We will let you know how much was raised next week!

MASS TIMES

Mass will resume this week please observe the times; Wednesday mornings are back!

NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON - ST BARTHOLOMEW'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL

We have been invited to this Patronal Festival for 6pm start on Sunday 25th August. Buses are easily accessible, going up to Stamford Hill and we need to get off at Craven Park Road. We hope that some of us will go along and support.

NEXT SATURDAY - 24TH AUGUST

An appeal is going out to ask for assistance to have a gardening morning as the gardens are beginning to look overgrown. Of course, this depends on weather conditions, but if you can come along to assist, it would be most welcome. We begin after Mass at 10am.

HIGH TEA SATURDAY - 7TH SEPTEMBER AT 3PM

Tickets for this fundraising activity will go on sale from today! Tickets will be very limited and will cost £15pp; please see Yvonne for your limited ticket; maximum tickets to be sold is 36, so ensure you get yours! Always a very popular event and you wouldn't want to be disappointed if you can't get one.

ALTERNATIVE EPISCOPAL OVERSIGHT

As discussed at the last PCC, it was agreed that we would have a discussion with everyone involved in the life of this church family. Therefore, throughout summer, we hope that we will all fully engage in conversation as to whether we feel/believe that we should come under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Fulham; Rt Rev Jonathan Baker, or remain under Stepney Episcopal with the Rt Rev Bishop Joanne Woolway Grenfell.

Bishop Jonathan has agreed to come and visit us to lead a debate on this very issue and will be visiting on Tuesday 3rd September and offering mass at 7pm and then have a talk afterwards. I have yet to invite Bishop Joanne but doesn't officially take up office until September.

We hope that as many can come and to meet Bishop Jonathan, but also to engage in talks. This is very important as it does involve the future of where we want to stand and it is vital that all PCC members should try and be present, but it is open to all, please make a note of this very important date.

The PCC will have a casting vote at the next meeting on 5th October.

FABRIC OF THE CHURCH

Whilst works have been carried out, the aisle roof has now been repaired, the plaster in the Lady Chapel remains a H&S issue; the tower is still a major concern but it looks as if we will be covered by our Insurers Ecclesiastical to repair the major damage caused by adverse weather. We are very blessed!

We have spent a fortune on the electrics (and we still need to raise funds for the project) and we are now in need of renovating the church and need to focus our attention back to the fabric. We cannot do this unless we are all committed to seeking ways of supporting the church...How can WE do this?

Sheryl is selling raffle tickets which are available today and next Sunday (when the draw will take place), to help raise funds. £1 a strip. Please support the raffle. Prizes to be confirmed.

Pastoral Matters: Including: Baptisms, Confirmation, Weddings, Funerals and Confessions.

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